NSC BRIEFING

10 April 1957

BACKGROUND - INDONESIAN CABINET

- Sukarno's new Gov't has 23 cabinet posts, plus the Premiership.
 Of these, 22 are held by separate individuals, while Premier
 Djuanda also holds the 23rd (Ministry of Defense).
- II. Following is line-up of 22 cabinet-members:
 - A. NAME

POST

AFFILIATION

HARDI

First Deputy Prime Minister

PNI

- 1. Notes: moderate wing of PNI. No previous cabinet experience. Elected to parliament 1955.
- B. CHALID

Second Deputy Prime Minister

NU

- 1. Notes: held same post in last cabinet. Previous experience in education and local government of his home area (south Borneo).
- C. SUBANDRIO Foreign Affairs

Non-party

- 1. Notes: since early '56, Secretary-General of foreign ministry and reportedly one of Sukarno's close advisers on foreign affairs. From '54 to '56, Indonesia's first ambassador to Moscow. Strong neutralist and advocate of large-scale aid from both East and West.
- D. SANUSI HARJADINATA Interior

PNI

- 1. Notes: formerly governor of West Java.
- E. MAENGKON

Justice

Non-party

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- F. SUDIBJO Information Islamic League (PSII)
 - 1. Notes: held same post in last cabinet and has held minor posts in other cabinets. Second-rank man in his own party.
- G. SUTIKNO SLAMET Finance PRI
 - 1. Notes: frequent Indonesian delegate to international financial conferences and institutions. Former Treasurer-General of Ministry of Finance.
- H. INCKIRIWANG Industry Non-party
 - Notes: no previous cabinet experience. Field is technical engineering: has been particularly interested in radio.
 Has attended ECAFE conferences.
- I. SUNARDJO Trade NU
 - 1. Notes: no previous cabinet experience. Professor in international law at Gadja Mahda University. Active in MU politics in Central Java.
- J. SADJARWO* Agriculture Non-party
 - 1. Notes: held same post '53-'55. Is member of Indonesian Farmers' Corps (BTI), a Communist-controlled organization and is considered susceptible to Communist direction.
- K. MAZIR, COLONEL Shipping Non-party
 - 1. Notes: commander of Surabaya Naval Base. Has appeared friendly toward Americans.
- L. NOOR, MOHAMMED Public Works and Power ex-Masjumi
 - 1. Notes: held same post in last cabinet. From Borneo, but believed to be supporter of unitary state. During '46-'48 rebellion, was Sukarno's absentee Governor of Borneo.

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- M. SAMJONO Labor Kon-party
 - 1. Notes: Chief of legal division of Ministry of Labor for several years. Affiliated with SOBSI, Communist-controlled labor federation.
- N. AZIS SALER Public Health Freedom League (IPKI)
 - 1. Notes: Army doctor and, until mid-'56, head of Army Health Service. Second chairman of IPKI, army-controlled political party.
- G. ILJAS Religious Affairs MU
 - 1. Notes: held same post in last cabinet. Second vice-chairman of NU. Background in Islamic education.
- p. prijono* Education Non-party
 - 1. Notes: winner of '54 Stalin peace prize. Dean of Faculty of Literature, University of Indonesia; official of Indonesian-Chinese League of Friendship.
- Q. SUMARJO Agrarian Affairs NU
 - Notes: held Interior portfolio in last two cabinets. Does not hold any position of leadership in his own party. Has background in religious education. Known as moderate and honest.
- R. SHKARDAN Communications PNI
 - 1. Notes: former director of sub-department of Posts, Telegraph, and Telephone within Ministry of Communications.
- S. HANAFI* Minister for Reconstruction Non-party
 - 1. Notes: Secretary-General of All-Indonesian People's Congress, Communist-infiltrated organization.

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- T. CHAIRUL SALEH* Veterans' Affairs Won-party
 - 1. Notes: no previous cabinet experience. Guerrilla leader during revolution and, since then, various leftist organizations. In recent months, one of Sukarno's chief lieutenants in arousing left-wing and youth support for president's "concept".
- U. TOBING Regional Relations People's Union (SKI)
 - 1. Notes: served in first Ali cabinet ('53-'55). His party was largely wiped out in '55 elections (no seats in parliament).
- V. LEIMENA Social Affairs Christian Party (PARKINDO)
 - 1. Notes: physician, anti-communist and friendly to WS, has served in many previous cabinets, principally as health minister. Although in early years of independence he was influential beyond scope of hes office, his influence has steadily declined.

^{*} Indicates leftist influence.